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Local Brevities.

M. J. Watkins of Seattle was in Astoria on business yesterday.

Miss Marie Eldredge of San Francisco is visiting friends in the city.

A. F. Carlson, a commercial traveler for a Denver hardware firm, made his maiden trip to Astoria yesterday and expressed himself as well pleased with

the commercial spirit shown by the business men of the city.

Henry Korte, a native of Finland, yesterday declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

Eight coaches, which were filled with passengers, made up the train which went out last night.

The funeral of the late James Adams was held yesterday. The interment was held at Westport and the services

conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown of the First Presbyterian church.

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johansen of Seaside.

The fish run was reported as very heavy yesterday. All fishermen out returned with good hauls.

Yesterday afternoon the classmates of the late Joseph Lindquist attended his funeral with Prof. Clark.

The high school alumni will hold a business meeting tonight at the home of George H. Ohler, 378 Fifteenth street.

The property owners interested in the matter were yesterday notified to repair the sewer at the corner of Sixth and Bond streets and if the repair is not made at once they will be proceeded against.

Two Celestials forgot the sacred principles of their gods so far yesterday afternoon as to start a combat in the sacred precinct of Chinatown that might have resulted in broken heads had not a more peaceful son of the sun parted them.

Mr. H. Dickson and wife of Portland were in the city yesterday on their way to Seaside to select a cottage for the summer. Mr. Dickson is the city ticket agent in Portland for the Great Northern railway. They returned from Seaside last night.

Mr. L. E. Carter, of Portland, northwestern manager for the Northwestern Life Insurance company of Des Moines, Iowa, was in the city yesterday as a delegate to the grand lodge meeting. He left for Seaside on a business trip last night. Mr. Carter is contemplating spending the summer at Long Beach.

The funeral of the late Joseph Lindquist was held yesterday. Many of the friends of the young man attended, including his classmates at the high school. Services were conducted at the First Lutheran church and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

This is rhetorical day at the high school and Prof. H. L. Bates, of Forest Grove academy, will deliver an address to the students. These rhetorical days are beginning to attract greater attention than in the past, and pupils, instructors and parents are taking great interest in them. A steady improvement has been noticed in the numbers rendered on these days.

Chief Halock is trying to locate a man who gave the name William Stevens, a marine engineer, who visited the city a short time ago and passed two worthless checks. The checks were drawn on a Grays harbor bank, and before they were returned by the local bank the forger had disappeared. The police of Portland have been asked to look for the man and it is believed his capture will be effected.

Samuel Elmore went over to the north shore cannery of the C. R. P. A. yesterday to look after the interests of the concern at that point. He reports that there has been a slight improvement in the run of fish, but that the supply is still far below the demand. The fish are, however, high of color and quality and first class for packing purposes. The catch at north shore yesterday was fairly good, considering the poor supply thus far during the season.

A special meeting of the water commission was held yesterday for the purpose of considering a new method of account keeping which had been submitted by Experts Clark and Buchanan. The system is pronounced to be an excellent one by members of the commission, but the body has as yet taken no definite action on the proposal of the experts. The commission has secured plans for the construction of a stone wall around the lower reservoir at Sixteenth street and Irving avenue.

The Wellington (New Zealand) Evening Post of March 26 publishes the following reference to the birthday anniversary of Mrs. C. Selig, mother of Manager L. E. Selig of Fishers' opera house: "An ex-resident of Wellington celebrated her 35th birthday in Christ church a few days ago. This was Mrs. C. Selig, relict of the late Rev. B. A. Selig, and mother of Mr. P. Selig, manager of the Christ church Press Company, limited. Mr. and Mrs. Selig, with their family, arrived in Wellington in 1862, and will be no doubt still remembered by many residents of the Empire city. Mrs. Selig has resided in Sydney for the past few years, and recently came over on a visit to

her son in Christchurch. She is at present in Dunedin for a brief stay, and intends to return to Sydney before the winter sets in. It may be stated that Mrs. Selig is in capital health, and is as energetic as many of a much younger age." Mr. Selig contemplates a visit to his old home in the fall.

Sunday at A. F. C. park the Commercial Club baseball team will meet the Warrenton nine. The visiting aggregation will be greatly strengthened for the contest, having secured the services of the Cathlamet twirler, with whose crooked ones the locals had some trouble last year. Ross will not do the throwing for Commercial next Sunday, as he will be out of the city, but John Regan will fill the pitcher's box. The game will doubtless be an interesting one and the locals are looking for a big turnout of fans.

Some limb of Satan without the fear of the Lord in his heart has aroused the ire of the instructors at the public school. With great thoughtfulness for the pleasure of their scholars, two of the primary teachers bought a supply of beautiful plants the other day and spent several hours planting them in the school yard. Tuesday night the unappreciative rascal aforesaid swooped down upon the modern garden of Eden and appropriated unto himself the fruits thereof. And now all the teachers want is plenty of time and an axe.

A young woman yesterday undertook to commit suicide at the foot of Tenth street, but was frightened out of the effort by a police officer who happened to walk along the railroad trestle a block north. The woman intended jumping into the river, but had she done so she would have stuck in the soft mud on the bottom, for the water is shallow at that point. The policeman tried to arrest her, but before he could reach the scene she had disappeared. The attempt at self-destruction was made about 5:45 yesterday morning.

Now that the visiting hordes of Odd Fellows have departed for their several homes throughout the state, the restaurant men will take a vacation and forget the pans and "hurry-ups" long enough to get a little sleep. Astoria may feel proud of the fact that she is the superior of the world's fair city in one thing, at least—not a visitor went hungry while within the city limits. And they had good things to eat, too. Visitors from the interior of the state expressed a great preference for salmon and a great deal of that commodity was used.

E. N. Wheeler, representing the Oregon agency of Bradstreet's, was down from Portland yesterday, returning on the night train. Mr. Wheeler is one of the Portland Commercial Club's crack bowlers, and said while here yesterday that the Commercial team would probably be down within a short time to contest for the Feldenhelmer trophy. The Portland Commercial bowlers hold a warm place in the affections of the Astoria bowlers and the locals are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to reciprocate for the many kindnesses shown them in the metropolis. It is about assured the contest will take place a week from Saturday night.

An adjourned session of the county court was held yesterday for the purpose of considering the plans for the construction of the basement of the court house. Judge Trenchard had been in Portland the previous day to consult with Architect Lazarus about the plans. Mr. Lazarus is now recovering from his recent illness and will be in the city next Monday with his plans. Judge Trenchard said there would be no doubt as to the plans being satisfactory and that the court would at once advertise for bids for the work. During the day the court took up the matter of repairs to the Elk creek road and has taken steps to secure gravel for the highway.

Elijah Smith, who is spending a few days in the city, is one of the most enterprising of all of the eastern men who have been instrumental in the development of the west. Mr. Smith's home town is Boston, but for many years he has been heavily interested in the west, at one time being at the head of a transcontinental railroad system. He was also connected prominently with the Pacific Coast Company and instrumental in making that concern one of the greatest of the Pacific coast. Mr. Smith has often visited Astoria and speaks highly of the advancement shown here during the past few years. He believes the city has a great future and that it is bound soon to become one of the biggest towns of the west.

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